

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows, substituting any amended claim(s) for the corresponding pending claim(s):

Please amend Claim 12 as follows:

1. (Unchanged)      A method comprising:  
  
managing a virtual private network including an extranet switch by  
  
transmitting a script for requesting information describing at least one virtual private network attribute from multiple computers providing at least one virtual private network function, the script including a script command;  
  
receiving the information;  
  
preparing a report by organizing the received information into a table that lists each of the multiple computers and the corresponding virtual private network attribute received from each of the multiple computers; and  
  
displaying the prepared report to a user.

2. (Unchanged)      The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting a request for the information.

3. (Unchanged)      The method of claim 1, wherein the virtual private network function comprises providing at least one tunnel.

4. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, wherein the virtual private network function comprises authentication.

5. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, wherein the attribute comprises at least one tunneling characteristic.

6. (Unchanged) The method of claim 5, wherein the tunneling characteristic comprises the tunnel capacity of the computer.

7. (Unchanged) The method of claim 5, wherein the tunneling characteristic comprises a number of users using a tunnel provided by a computer.

8. (Unchanged) The method of claim 5, wherein the tunneling characteristic comprises a tunneling protocol.

9. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a time interval, and

wherein the preparing a reports comprises preparing a report based on the received time interval.

10. (Unchanged) A method comprising:  
managing a virtual private network including an extranet switch by  
transmitting a request for tunneling data to multiple computers providing virtual private  
network tunnels using a script having a script command;  
receiving the requested tunneling data from the multiple computers in response to the request;  
preparing a report based on the received information, the report being organized into a table  
that lists the different computers and their corresponding tunneling data; and  
displaying the prepared report to a user.

11. (Unchanged) A method comprising:  
managing a virtual private network including an extranet switch by  
transmitting a script for requesting information on multiple computers providing virtual  
private network tunnels, the information including a number of tunnels provided by each computer  
and a number of users configured to use the tunnels, the script includes a script command;  
receiving the information; and  
displaying the received information to a user.

12. (Amended) A method of managing a virtual private network including at least one extranet switch, comprising:

transmitting a script for requesting information describing at least one virtual private network attribute from a selected one of at least one extranet switch providing at least one virtual private network function, the script including a script command;

receiving the information;

providing a menu identifying at least one report capable of preparation;

receiving a selection identifying at least one report;

preparing the selected report including the received information of the selected extranet switch; and

displaying the prepared report to a user.

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13. (Unchanged) A computer program product, disposed on a computer readable medium, for managing a virtual private network using an extranet switch, the computer program including instructions for causing a processor to:

manage a virtual private network including an extranet switch, including instructions to:

transmit a script for requesting information describing at least one virtual private network attribute from multiple computers providing at least one virtual private network function, the script including a script command;

receive the information;

prepare a report by organizing the received information into a table that include the at least one virtual private network attribute received from each of the multiple computers; and

display the prepared report to a user.

14. (Unchanged) The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising instructions for causing the processor to transmit a request for the information.

15. (Unchanged) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the virtual private network function comprises providing at least one tunnel.

16. (Unchanged) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the virtual private network function comprises authentication.

17. (Unchanged) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the attribute comprises at least one tunneling characteristic.

18. (Unchanged) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the tunneling characteristic comprises the tunnel capacity of the computer.

19. (Unchanged) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the tunneling characteristic comprises a number of users using a tunnel provided by a computer.

20. (Unchanged) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the tunneling characteristic comprises tunneling protocol.